

The Honorable Richard A. Jones

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, *ex rel.*,
TEALE PHELPS BONDAROFF, and
GARY STOKES,

Plaintiffs,

v.

KOHYO CO., LTD., and KOHYO
AMERICA INC.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 21-CV-00479-RAJ

FILED UNDER SEAL

ORDER

The United States has filed an *ex parte* Application for an Extension of Time to Consider Election to Intervene, in which the United States seeks a six (6) month extension of time, from July 19, 2021 to January 19, 2022, in which to notify the Court whether it intends to intervene in this *qui tam* lawsuit. Such an extension of time is expressly contemplated by the False Claims Act, which provides that the United States “may, for good cause shown move the Court for extensions of . . . time.” *See* 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(3). The Court finds that the *ex parte* Application establishes good cause.

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1 Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the United States shall have until
2 January 19, 2022, to notify the Court of their decision whether or not to intervene in this
3 qui tam action. The Clerk shall maintain the Complaint and other filings under seal for the
4 duration of the government's investigation.

5 DATED this 20th day of July, 2021.

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9 United States District Judge
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